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NVS-215KJS
06V-416

Subject: FMVSS 111/REAR VIEW MIRROR USAGE LOCATION

Dear MR. SYKES:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
US BUS/STURDIBUS/1998-2006
US BUS/UNIVERSE/1998-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-416

Mfg's Report Dates: October 24, 2006
and April 25, 2007

Components:
EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,019

Summary:
CERTAIN 1998 THROUGH 2006 UNIVERSE AND STURDIBUS SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JANUARY 1998 AND OCTOBER 23, 2006. THE LABEL EXPLAINING CROSSVIEW MIRROR USE IS NOT VISIBLE TO THE SEATED DRIVER WHICH FAILS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 111, REARVIEW MIRRORS.

Consequence:

THE PURPOSE OF THIS STANDARD IS TO REDUCE DEATHS AND INJURIES THAT OCCUR WHEN THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE DOES NOT HAVE A CLEAR VIEW TO THE REAR.

Remedy:

U.S. BUS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND MAIL A REPLACEMENT LABEL ALONG WITH PLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY 2007. OWNERS CAN CONTACT U.S. BUS AT 765-939-3984.

Notes:

U.S. BUS HAD PETITIONED THE AGENCY FOR INCONSEQUENTIALITY AND THE PETITION WAS DENIED BY THE AGENCY (4/24/07). CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

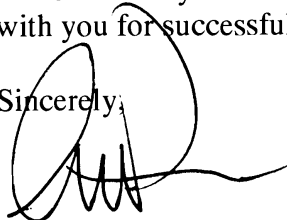
The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have received U.S. Bus' proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. The recall is expected to begin during April 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KELLY.SCHULER@DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Enforcement